

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A write/read head supporting mechanism comprising a slider provided with an electromagnetic transducer element or an optical module, and a suspension, wherein said slider is supported on said suspension by way of an actuator for displacing said slider, and

a ground region that said suspension has is electrically connected to said slider by means of an electrical connecting member that is movable and/or deformable in a displacement direction of said slider by said actuator.

Claim 2 (Original): The write/read head supporting mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said suspension is made up of an electrically conductive material, and said suspension itself is utilized as said ground region.

Claim 3 (Original): The write/read head supporting mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said suspension is provided on a surface thereof with a grounding electrode as said ground region.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): A write/read head supporting mechanism comprising a slider provided with an electromagnetic transducer element or an optical module, and a suspension, wherein said slider is supported on said suspension by way of an actuator for displacing said slider, and which comprises an interconnecting pattern including a wire for electrical

connection to said electromagnetic transducer element or said optical module and a grounding wire for electrical connection to said slider, said interconnecting pattern comprising a close-contact wire in close contact with said suspension and a floating wire that extends away from said suspension to said slider and is movable and/or deformable in a displacement direction of said slider by said actuator.

Claim 7 (Original): A write/read head supporting mechanism comprising a slider provided with an electromagnetic transducer element or an optical module, and a suspension, wherein said slider is supported on said suspension by way of an actuator for displacing said slider,

a leading end portion of said suspension comprises a flexible region that is curved or bent toward a slider side and movable and/or deformable in a displacement direction of said slider by said actuator, and

an interconnecting pattern is in close contact with a surface of said flexible region, said interconnecting pattern comprising a wire for electrical connection to said electromagnetic transducer element or said optical module and a grounding wire for electrical connection to said slider.

Claim 8 (Original): The write/read head supporting mechanism according to claim 6 and 7, wherein said suspension is made up of an electrically conductive material, and said grounding wire led out of said interconnecting pattern is electrically connected to said suspension.

Claim 9 (Canceled).